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REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15, 16, and 19 have been canceled, claims 13, 14, 18, 21, and 23 have been amended, and claims 26 and 27 have been added herein. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 20-27 will be pending in the above-identified application.

Section 102

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims 13, 14, 17, 18, and 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,710,884 (Dedrick).

Dedrick discloses a personal profile server having a personal profile for a user stored thereon, and a client system communicating with the personal profile server. The client system includes a client activity monitor for tracking consumer variables corresponding to use of the client system by the user, and a personal profile database having at least a portion of the user's personal profile stored therein. The client activity monitor tracks the consumer variables and updates the user's personal profile database accordingly. The user's personal profile stored on the personal profile server is then updated from the profile stored on the client system at pre-determined intervals.

Claim 13 recites a user information processing system comprising a terminal unit for accumulating terminal use record information upon use of the terminal unit by a user and the profile information of the user, and *a server for producing the profile information on the basis of the accumulated terminal use record information*. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest a server for producing profile information on the basis of the accumulated terminal use record information. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claim 13 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 14 and 17 recite a terminal unit comprising use record information writing means for writing use record information used by the user, and *transmitting*

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means for transmitting the use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit for every prescribed timing. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest transmitting means for transmitting use record information accumulated in storing means to profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 14 and 17 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 18 and 20 recite a terminal unit comprising use record information writing means for writing use record information used by a user in prescribed storing means detachably provided in said terminal unit, and profile information writing means for writing profile information of said user in said storing means, *wherein said profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit* on the basis of said use record information accumulated in said storing means. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest profile information writing means for writing profile information of a user in storing means, wherein the profile information is generated by a profile information generating means remote from the terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 18 and 20 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 21 and 22 recite an apparatus for providing information to a *terminal unit remote from the apparatus*, wherein the apparatus comprises *profile information generating means* for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit, and *transmitting means* for transmitting said generated profile information to said terminal unit. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, wherein the apparatus includes profile information generating means for generating the profile

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information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit, and transmitting means for transmitting said generated profile information to said terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 21 and 22 is improper and should be withdrawn.

Claims 23-25 recite an apparatus for providing information to a *terminal unit remote from the apparatus*, wherein the apparatus comprises *profile information generating means* for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit. Dedrick does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for providing information to a terminal unit remote from the apparatus, wherein the apparatus includes profile information generating means for generating the profile information of a prescribed user on the basis of the use record information of said terminal unit of said user transmitted from said terminal unit. Rather, as discussed above, Dedrick discloses tracking use of a client system and updating a personal profile stored on the client system based on the tracked use using a client activity monitor included in the client system. Accordingly, the Section 102 rejection of claims 23-25 is improper and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that there is any issue which could be resolved by an interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

As it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests a favorable action and Notice of Allowance.

Enclosed is an American Express form in the amount of \$950.00. In connection with this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any additional fee required to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

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